



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Application No.: 10/516,305 Examiner: Gay Spahn
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For: A MULTILAYER BELLOWS SEAL AND A METHOD FOR
PRODUCING A MULTILAYER BELLOWS SEAL

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 18, 2006 in the above application. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. This response is timely in view of a Petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee.

AMENDMENT

In the Drawings

The drawings are amended as shown on the replacement sheets of drawings containing Figures 4, 6a, and 6b and marked "Replacement Sheet" as appended to this paper. The nature of the amendments is discussed below in the remarks.



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Amendments to the Abstract

An amendment to the Abstract is presented below under the heading "Amendments to the Abstract."

Amendments to the Specification

An amendment of the written description is presented under the heading "Amendment to the Specification."

Amendments to the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application including any current amendments. This list of claims is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.